In the Specification:

Rewrite the paragraphs on page 1, lines 6-16, as follows:

The subject matter of the present application is related to that disclosed in the following, commonly-owned, copending applications: 09/127,502, filed 7/31/98 (now patent 6,345,104); 09/099,864, filed 6/18/98 (now patent 6,320,680); 09/074,034, filed 5/6/98 (now patent 6,449,377); 09/287,940, filed 4/7/99; 09/234,780, filed 1/20/99 (now abandoned but internationally published as WO 9936876); 09/185,380, filed 11/3/98, and 08/746,613, filed 11/12/96 (now patent 6,122,403). WO9953428, WO9936876, and WO9743736 are laid-open counterparts to certain of the foregoing.

The present subject matter more generally relates to digital watermarking as typified, e.g., by the assignee's issued patents: 5,721,788, 5,768,426, 5,636,292, 5,841,978, 5,832,119, 5,745,604, 5,822,436, 5,841,886, 5,809,160, and copending applications 08/746,613, filed 11/12/96, 09/452,023, filed 11/30/99 (now patent 6,408,082), entitled Watermark Detection Using a Fourier-Mellin Transform, and 09/452,022, filed 11/30/99, entitled Method and System for Determining Image Transformation.